



Pirates of Venus Edgar Rice Boroughs

**Edgar Rice Burroughs, of Tarzan fame, wrote many great adventure stories that were serialized in the magazines of the 1930s. This is the first book in what is called the Venus series and starts it off with tons of action and excitement. It was published as a book in 1934. Our hero Carson accidentally lands on the mysterious, cloud-covered planet of Venus (he was shooting for Mars, believing Venus inhospitable to all life). Landing there he finds that the clouds conceal a wondrous secret: the strikingly beautiful yet deadly world of Amtor. In Amtor, cities of immortal beings flourish in giant trees reaching thousands of feet into the sky; ferocious beasts stalk the wilderness below; rare flashes of sunlight precipitate devastating storms; and the inhabitants believe their world is saucer-shaped with a fiery center and an icy rim. Stranded on Amtor after his spaceship crashes, astronaut Carson Napier is swept into a world where revolution is ripe, the love of a princess carries a dear price, and death can come as easily from the blade of a sword as from the ray of a futuristic gun. And yes, he does become a pirate. If you are looking for a pure adventure story, this is still a great one. (Summary by phil c)**

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